City of Lafayette Staff Report

To: City Council

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Subject: Stanley Boulevard Sidewalk Project
Award of Contract for Project Number 014-9672

Introduction

The 2008/2009 Capital Improvement Program includes constructing a new sidewalk along Stanley Boulevard from Camino Diablo to Barrott Road. The project also includes the installation of a storm drain system at Clover Court to eliminate standing water in the intersection. The City received a $350,000 Safe Routes to School Grant for this work. The City Council allocated $65,000 dollars from the general fund to meet the requirement for a minimum 10% match and to fully fund the project scope of work as estimated a year ago. Staff is seeking City Council action to award the construction contract to the lowest bidder, in the amount of $191,357.

Discussion

The City received twenty one bids for this project. The low bid is $191,357, 31.6% lower than the engineer's estimate, and within 8% of the next lowest bidder. Eighteen of the twenty one bidders were lower than the engineers estimate. The lowest five bids and the highest bid are listed below:

Contractor	**Bid**
1. North Bay Construction	$191,357.00
2. A-1 Septic	$207,967.50
3. McNabb Construction	$214,223.66
4. Cowan and Thompson	$214,428.00
5. Grade Tech, Inc	$216,254.60
Engineer's Estimate	**$280,000.00**
21. J.A. Gonsalves and Son	$355,816.75

Budget Status

Safe Routes to School Grant Funding	$	350,000
2008/2009 General Fund Allocation	$	65,000
Design	< $	56,000 >
Bidding	< $	1,200 >
Funds Available for Construction	$	357,800
Low Bid	< $	191,360 >
Construction Contingency (10%)	< $	19,000 >
Construction Surveying and Testing	< $	8,000 >
Construction Inspection	< $	40,000 >
Projected Surplus	$	99,440

The City Council will recall that a concurrent project has been programmed to install additional traffic calming improvements in this neighborhood. Staff will explore options to expand the scope of sidewalk project to implement additional storm drain, traffic calming and sidewalk work to the extent allowed by Caltrans. Our goal will be to maximize the usage of the available grant funds; however any unused grant monies will revert back to the State with unused matching funds returning to the City's general fund.

Fiscal Impact:

The low bid is within the project budget, and no additional fund allocation is needed.

Recommendation:

1. Adopt the project plans, specifications, and project details to conform to the Uniform Construction Accounting Act.

2. Award Stanley Boulevard Sidewalk Project, Project Number 014-9672, construction contract to North Bay Construction in the amount of $191,357.00.